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Dry autumn weather prevailed across the state as producers continued to harvest grain corn, sweet corn, potatoes, and carrots. Cold temperatures and lack of precipitation hindered winter wheat seeding development. Dry conditions caused ranchers to haul water to cattle. Several counties utilized emergency conservation for livestock water and emergency CPR grazing programs. Fieldwork was able to continue due to the sunny autumn weather. Pastures and rangeland dried up due to the lack of moisture. Cattle producers were culling herds and selling calves while others were feeding winter forage earlier than usual. By the middle of the month, very cold temperatures quickly brought the growing season for most annual vegetables and flowers to an end. Apple and grape harvest continued. Corn mazes and U-Pick pumpkin farms reported brisk business. Christmas tree growers prepared for harvest of trees in November. Dairy producers took advantage of the dry weather by finishing up green chop harvest.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

| Products | Unit | Washington | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------|------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Sep. 2001 | Aug. 2002 * | Sep. 2002 | Sep. 2001 | Aug. 2002 * | Sep. 2002 |
| | | Thousand | | | | | |
| Butter | Lbs. | 8,062 | 8,890 | 7,992 | 86,721 | 88,512 | 92,166 |
| American Cheese Types 1/ | Lbs. | 11,479 | 12,573 | 12,671 | 277,046 | 305,826 | 286,822 |
| Cheddar Cheese | Lbs. | 9,308 | 10,204 | 10,237 | 216,267 | 227,667 | 214,067 |
| Mozzarella Cheese | Lbs. | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 212,654 | 212,876 | 207,573 |
| Total Cheese 2/ | Lbs. | 11,675 | 12,595 | 12,696 | 641,785 | 687,419 | 657,985 |
| Nonfat Dry Milk, Human | Lbs. | 15,333 | 16,643 | 14,568 | 94,396 | 114,408 | 93,824 |
| Dry Whey, Human | Lbs. | 5,019 | 8,854 | 8,460 | 71,841 | 88,125 | 83,954 |
| Ice Cream (Hard) | Gal. | 929 | 1,409 | 866 | 70,197 | 78,039 | 70,323 |
| Ice Cream, Lowfat (Hard) | Gal. | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 7,198 | 8,538 | 7,462 |
| Sherbet (Hard) | Gal. | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 3,731 | 5,094 | 4,085 |

* Revised. 1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 2/ Excludes cottage cheese. 3/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations

FIELD CROP SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2002

| Crop | Washington Summary | | | | | | Pacific NW 1/ 2/ | | United States | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|-------|-----------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| | Harvested | | Unit | Yield | | Production | | Production | | Production | |
| | 2001 | Ind. 2002 | | 2001 | Ind. 2002 | 2001 | Ind. 2002 | 2001 | Ind. 2002 | 2001 | Ind. 2002 |
| | Thousand Acres | | | | | Thousand | | Thousand | | Thousand | |
| All Wheat * | 2,380 | 2,365 | Bu. | 55.7 | 54.8 | 132,580 | 129,695 | 250,380 | 251,365 | 1,957,043 | 1,616,441 |
| Winter Wheat | 1,750 | 1,750 | Bu. | 61.0 | 59.0 | 106,750 | 103,250 | 186,580 | 186,870 | 1,361,479 | 1,142,802 |
| Spring Wheat * | 630 | 615 | Bu. | 41.0 | 43.0 | 25,830 | 26,445 | 63,800 | 64,495 | 512,008 | 394,189 |
| Barley | 420 | 340 | Bu. | 50.0 | 54.0 | 21,000 | 18,360 | 75,750 | 76,020 | 249,420 | 226,873 |
| Oats | 12.0 | 10.0 | Bu. | 55 | 65 | 660 | 650 | 3,945.0 | 5,480.0 | 117,024.0 | 119,132.0 |
| Hops | 26.3 | 20.3 | Lbs. | 1,928 | 2,040 | 50,780 | 41,453 | 66,832.1 | 56,425.5 | 66,832.1 | 56,425.5 |
| Corn for Grain * | 55 | 80 | Bu. | 190.0 | 190.0 | 10,450 | 15,200 | - | - | 9,506,840 | 9,003,364 |
| Sugarbeets * | 7.0 | 4.0 | Tons | 36.1 | 37.5 | 253 | 150 | 5,180 | 5,783 | 25,787 | 28,028 |
| All Hay | 790 | 830 | Tons | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3,088 | 3,436 | 11,078 | 12,277 | 156,703 | 150,447 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 470 | 490 | Tons | 4.8 | 5.0 | 2,256 | 2,450 | 8,602 | 9,368 | 80,266 | 74,655 |
| Other Hay | 320 | 340 | Tons | 2.6 | 2.9 | 832 | 986 | 2,476 | 2,909 | 76,437 | 75,792 |
| Dry Edible Beans 4/ 5/ | 34 | 41 | Cwt. | 17.0 | 21.0 | 578 | 861 | 2,174 | 2,849 | 19,541 | 27,594 |
| Dry Edible Peas 3/ * | 62 | 70 | Cwt. | 20.0 | 19.0 | 1,240 | 1,330 | 1,748 | 1,973 | 3,734 | 4,178 |
| Lentils 2/ * | 80 | 75 | Cwt. | 16.0 | 14.0 | 1,280 | 1,050 | 2,075 | 1,687 | 2,898 | 2,325 |
| Potatoes, Fall * | 160 | 175 | Cwt. | 590.0 | 570.0 | 94,400 | 99,750 | 235,330 | 252,219 | 393,750 | 414,962 |

* Revised. 1/ Includes, OR, ID, and WA. 2/ Lentils, WA & ID only. 3/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas. 4/ Excludes beans grown for garbanzo seed. Yield and production forecast on a cleaned basis. 5/ Estimates for the Pacific Northwest current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLAR/UNIT)

| Commodity | Unit | Entire Month | | Preliminary Oct. 2002 | Entire Month | | Preliminary Oct. 2002 | U.S. Parity Price |
|------------------------|------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Oct. 2001 | Sep. 2002 | | Oct. 2001 | Sep. 2002 | | |
| | | Washington | | | United States | | | |
| Wheat, All | Bu. | 3.28 | 4.17 | 4.38 | 2.87 | 4.21 | 4.41 | 9.68 |
| Winter Wheat | Bu. | 3.26 | 4.11 | 4.32 | 2.82 | 4.14 | 4.41 | - |
| Other Spring Wheat | Bu. | 3.38 | 4.41 | 4.63 | 2.96 | 4.29 | 4.47 | - |
| Barley | Bu. | 1.92 | 2.66 | 2.51 | 2.29 | 2.66 | 2.58 | 6.43 |
| Corn | Bu. | - | - | - | 1.84 | 2.47 | 2.36 | 6.55 |
| Oats | Bu. | - | - | - | 1.64 | 1.80 | 1.89 | 3.99 |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | - | - | - | 19.20 | 17.90 | 16.10 | 48.50 |
| Potatoes, All | Cwt. | 4.45 | 4.35 | 5.25 | 5.15 | 6.60 | 5.43 | 13.70 |
| Potatoes, Processing | Cwt. | 4.10 | 4.10 | - | 4.45 | 4.62 | - | - |
| Hay, All (baled) 1/ | Tons | 114.00 | 110.00 | 109.00 | 98.00 | 95.50 | 94.50 | - |
| Alfalfa (baled) 1/ | Tons | 110.00 | 106.00 | 106.00 | 106.00 | 102.00 | 101.00 | - |
| Other Hay (baled) 1/ | Tons | 136.00 | 134.00 | 124.00 | 71.70 | 74.80 | 73.40 | - |
| Hops | Lbs. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.23 |
| Apples, Fresh 2/ | Lbs. | .250 | .297 | .319 | .248 | .300 | .301 | .483 |
| Cattle, All Beef | Cwt. | - | - | - | 66.50 | 64.80 | 64.10 | 160.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | - | - | - | 70.10 | 68.00 | 67.80 | - |
| Calves | Cwt. | - | - | - | 99.70 | 92.00 | 91.10 | 212.00 |
| Milk Cows 3/ | Head | 1,760.00 | - | 1,450.00 | 1,700.00 | - | 1,420.00 | - |
| Broilers, Live 4/ | Lbs. | - | - | - | .410 | .300 | .280 | - |
| Eggs, Table 1/ | Doz. | .562 | .519 | .478 | .431 | .390 | .348 | 1.56 |
| Milk, All Wholesale 5/ | Cwt. | 16.00 | 11.50 | 11.70 | 15.60 | 11.60 | 11.90 | 33.30 |
| Hogs, All | Cwt. | - | - | - | 40.20 | 26.70 | 31.90 | 103.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | - | - | - | 27.20 | 26.10 | - | 76.40 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | - | - | - | 51.40 | 76.10 | - | 180.00 |

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, NY, and WA, and price as sold for other states.

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

4/ Liveweight equivalent price.

5/ Before deductions for hauling but includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.